

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – Certain guidelines issued for Surveillance, Containment, Control and Proper treatment of COVID-19 patients – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.14

Date: 07/01/2021

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.161, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 6.3.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.189, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 13.3.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.202, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 18.3.2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No.204, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 19.3.2020.
5. G.O.Rt.No.209, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 22.3.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.210, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 23.3.2020.
7. G.O.Rt.No.221, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Date: 29.3.2020.
8. COVID Instant Order 22, HM&FW Dept, Date: 10.4.2020.
9. G.O.Rt.No.239, HM&FW(B2) Dept., Date: 16.4.2020.
- 10.G.O.Rt.No.262, HM&FW(B2) Dept., Date: 3.5.2020.
- 11.COVID Instant Order 43, HM&FW Dept, Date: 3.5.2020.
- 12.G.O.Rt.No.274, HM&FW(B2) Dept., Date: 17.5.2020.
- 13.COVID Instant Order 50, HM&FW Dept, Date: 18.5.2020.
- 14.G.O.Ms.No.51, HM&FW(I1) Dept, Date: 20.6.2020.
- 15.G.O.Ms.No.77, HM&FW(I1) Dept, Date: 8.7.2020.
- 16.G.O.Rt.No.347, HM&FW(B2) Dept, Date: 3.8.2020.
- 17.COVID Instant Order 77, HM&FW Dept, Date: 7.8.2020.
- 18.G.O RT No.520, HM&FW(B2) Dept, Date: 9.10.2020.
- 19.COVID Instant Order 83, HM&FW Dept, Date: 13.10.2020.
- 20.COVID Instant Order 83A, HM&FW Dept, Date: 17.10.2020.
- 21.COVID Instant Order 83B, HM&FW Dept, Date: 21.10.2020.
- 22.G.O.Ms.No.147, HM&FW(I1) Dept, Date: 6.11.2020.
- 23.G.O.Rt.No.699, HM&FW(B2) Dept, Date: 12.11.2020.
- 24.G.O.Rt.No.733, HM&FW(B2) Dept, Date: 13.11.2020.

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ORDER:

Whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) epidemic affecting all the regions of the World as Pandemic. The WHO also classified risk assessment as Very High at the Global level.

2. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has undertaken several measures including strengthening of Surveillance for Prevention, Containment and Control of COVID-19. After an intensive activity to Control and Contain Coronavirus with multiple lockdowns, and gradual unlocking we are at a stage where the number of cases are declining on a day to day basis.

3. However, keeping in view recent increase of cases in few states and considering the quick spread of UK strain which has entered the Country and State the District Collectors are advised to be vigilant and personally monitor day to day status of cases including Hospital Management and treatment of patients in accordance with the directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgement in **W.P. (CIVIL) No 7 of 2020** communicated by Secretary, Health, Government of India vide D.O.No.Z-21020/16/2020-PH dated 30th December, 2020.

4. In compliance to above judgement for implementation in letter and spirit, the following instructions are issued/reissued/reiterated for strict Compliance.

1. Appointment of Nodal Officers for each COVID Hospital:

Government has already appointed Nodal Officers to each COVID Hospital vide G.O.Rt. No. 161, HM & FW (B2) Deptt., dated 6th March 2020 and COVID Instant Order 77,

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dated 7th August 2020. The system is functioning well under the direct supervision of District Collectors. However, the District Collectors are directed to conduct meeting once again with all Nodal Officers and reiterate the directives issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and to strictly adhere to them in providing proper treatment to COVID-19 patients in both Government/Private Hospitals.

2. Fire Audit:

Inspection teams are constituted in Districts to inspect the Private Hospitals and COVID care centres in the State and to Conduct Fire audit. All District Collectors are directed to constitute the Inspection Teams under supervision of Joint Collector to conduct Fire Audit in all COVID Hospitals both Government and private and instruct the Hospital authorities to obtain NOC from Fire Department without fail in accordance with the Circular issued by Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare.

3. Treatment to COVID patients in Government/Private Hospitals:

Government has issued G.O.Ms.No.51, HM&FW (I) Deptt., and G.O.Ms.No.77, HM&FW (I) Deptt., dt.08-07-2020 by taking a policy decision of providing free treatment to COVID positive patients under Dr YSR Aarogyasri scheme in Private hospitals also in addition to free treatment in Government hospitals and directions were also issued to the District Collectors to provide Post COVID management procedures free of cost in Private hospitals vide G.O.Ms.No.147, HM&FW (I) Deptt., dt.06-11-2020. The District Collectors are directed to monitor and ensure providing treatment to needy patients seamlessly in Government and Private Hospitals.

4. Action against violators of COVID specific guidelines and SOPs:

Government has issued Orders and Instant Orders from time to time on COVID appropriate behaviour and SOPs to follow. District Collectors are directed to ensure strict Compliance of orders and penal clauses to be invoked as and when required in larger Public Interest. The Superintendents of Police/Commissioner of Police as case may shall be responsible for Compliance of all SOPs and Covid Orders issued.

5. Guidelines on IEC

Government has distributed 3 reusable masks to each person and taken all steps to ensure their proper usage. An intensive mask wearing campaign *Maaske Kavacham* was rolled out in the State with an aim of ensuring 100% Mask Compliance in Rural and Urban areas through IEC, Mass Media, Digital Media and Social Media

To educate people and to inculcate COVID appropriate behaviours, the Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) strategy which was initiated in the State, was further strengthened, continued and scaled-up to Contain and Control the infection vide G.O.Rt.NO.520, HM&FW (B2) Deptt., dt.09-10-2020, COVID Instant Order 83, 83A & 83B detailed SOPs given for implementation of the G.O.

The Government has issued G.O RT No 733, HM&FW (B2) Deptt., dt.30-11-2020, with an Intention to carry out IEC activities on COVID Appropriate Behaviour for 50 days keeping in view the ensuing festival season. The District Collectors are directed to Comply with the same.

6. Regulation of crowds :

District Collectors are directed to ensure Police and Revenue machinery are entrusted with the responsibility of Controlling Crowds. Where ever preventing crowding is not possible, restrictions shall be place to ensure mandated maintenance of 6 feet Physical distance.

7. Provision of adequate testing facilities:

Government has issued Instant order-21 for enhancing the testing capacity and Sample collection. Currently Sample collection is happening in (1519) locations in a Decentralized manner to provide timely testing to the needy. Government has also

empanelled ICMR approved private labs to do the testing by fixing rates vide G.O.Rt.No.699, HM&FW (B2) Deptt., dt.12-11-2020 by Superseding the earlier G.Os in this respect for the benefit of persons not coming to Government for free testing. All the District Collectors are directed to give wide publicity.

8. Free Helpline Numbers to redress grievances:

Government has established 104 toll free call center at the State and Satellite Call Centers in each District to provide medical advices and guidance. Detailed instructions were issued vide COVID Instant Order-68 by Strengthening the Call Centers and providing help desk at every COVID hospital to redress the Public grievances and to provide the information about patient to his relatives and to provide the information about availability of bed, oxygen facility etc., District Collectors are directed to monitor the same.

9. Effective implementation of Containment Zones:

Government has issued series of Government orders and Instant Orders on effective implementation of Containment zones on Notifying of Containment zones, conducting of Fever Clinics, Contact Tracing, Putting barbed wire at entry and exit points, conducting of house to house survey, testing of any symptomatic, testing old and vulnerable etc., District Collectors are directed to follow the orders strictly.

10. Ensuring adequate rest for front line Health care workers:

Government has permitted Health department to recruit Health staff in a large scale duly sanctioning additional posts to give 7 days rest to the Front-Line Health Care Workers after attending the 7 days work in COVID Hospitals. Collectors may monitor same.

11. Dignified handling of Dead Bodies:

Government has issued COVID Instant order no 22 on dignified handling of dead bodies and to ensure that the dead bodies are respectfully and dignifiedly handed over to the bereaved families. Government has sanctioned Rs.15000/- to the deceased family towards funeral charges vide G.O.Rt.No.347, HM&FW (B2) Deptt., Dt: 3.8.2020.

5. All the District Collectors are directed to ensure for implementation of all the above orders strictly without any deviation.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

All the Collectors & District Magistrates in the State.

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The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.

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